

JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
SEPTEMBER 4, 2012
8:30 A.M.

The purpose of the meeting was to prepare the agenda for the September meeting. It was held at the Jefferson County Commissioners Office.

Those present were as follows: William Rabun, Chairman; Gonice Davis, Member; Tommy New, Member; Johnny Davis, Member; Wayne Davis, Member; Adam Mestres, County Administrator; Michael Moses, County Attorney; and Bonnie Wells, County Clerk.

Chairman Rabun arrived later than anticipated therefore, Vice-Chairman Gonice Davis welcomed guests; Commissioner Johnny Davis gave the invocation.

Commissioner New made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Johnny Davis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Bio Medical Ordinance

County Administrator, Adam Mestres, presented information on the Bio Medical Ordinance. He pointed out the previously presented ordinance was not properly adopted. He asked that the commissioners review the ordinance in the coming week(s) to see if it were still to their satisfaction. The Bio Medical Ordinance would need to be adopted in a functional form therefore the necessary hearings would have to be held.

Chairman Rabun arrives at this time.

UDA (Unified Development Authority Appointment)

Commissioner New made a motion to place the UDA appointment on the Regular Agenda Tuesday night thereby allowing Commissioner Wayne Davis, at his request, an opportunity to speak to Lee Wood a member of the UDA board. Commissioner Johnny Davis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. *(Regular Agenda)*

City of Wadley Property Tax Abatement

The City of Wadley requested the county waive the taxes on property they acquired from Jean F. Bray. Commissioner Gonice Davis made a motion to place this item on the Regular Agenda Tuesday night allowing him an opportunity to speak to the City of Wadley regarding the taxes on this property. Commissioner Johnny Davis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. *(Regular Agenda)*

Sale of Property on Old US 1

Commissioner New made a motion to proceed with demolishing the building owned by Georgia Forestry located on Old US 1 once the building has been torn down, the county will proceed with the sale of the land.. This property is owned by the county. Commissioner Johnny Davis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. *(Consent Agenda)*

Adjournment

Commissioner Wayne Davis made a motion to adjourn and go into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Commissioner Johnny Davis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Executive Session

No action taken. Commissioner Johnny Davis made a motion to adjourn Executive Session. Commissioner Gonice Davis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner New made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Gonice Davis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2012
7:00 P.M

This was the regular scheduled meeting for the month of September. It was held at the Jefferson County Commissioners Office.

Those present were as follows: William Rabun, Chairman; Gonice Davis, Member; Tommy New, Member; Johnny Davis, Member; Wayne Davis, Member; Adam Mestres, County Administrator; Michael Moses, County Attorney; and Bonnie Wells, County Clerk.

Chairman Rabun called the meeting to order; Commissioner Wayne Davis gave the invocation. The guests were welcomed by Chairman Rabun.

Commissioner New made a motion to amend and adopt the agenda. The agenda was amended to add the Baggy Pants Ordinance. Commissioner Johnny Davis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Gonice Davis made a motion to adopt the August 2012 minutes. Commissioner Johnny Davis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Rabun presented the chairman's report; Adam Mestres presented the administrator's report; and Carl Wagster gave the ambulance report.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda item was the *Sale of Property on Old US 1*. Commissioner New made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Wayne Davis seconded. The vote was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

Baggy Pants Ordinance

Commissioner New stated he received questions from several ladies regarding the Baggy Pants Ordinance; he wanted to clarify the ordinance had indeed been passed. County Attorney, Michael Moses, assured him the board had done its due by passing the ordinance; enforcing the ordinance would be the responsibility of law enforcement personnel.

UDA (Unified Development Authority) Appointment

Commissioner Gonice Davis made a motion to appoint Lil Easterlin to the UDA Board. Ms. Easterlin's appointment will commence January 1, 2013 and conclude after two years. Commissioner New seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of four and one abstaining. Chairman Rabun, Commissioners New, Johnny Davis, and Gonice Davis voted yes. Commissioner Wayne Davis abstained from voting.

City of Wadley Property Tax Abatement

Commissioner Gonice Davis made a motion allowing the City of Wadley to pay the taxes on property the city owns on Bedingfield and Calhoun Streets. The penalties on the property would be waived. Commissioner New seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

SHIPS Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Commissioner Johnny Davis made a motion for the county to accept a Memorandum of Understanding between Jefferson County and SHIPS allowing the SHIPS For Youth to stand alone and be their own fiscal agent. Jefferson County would advance them the money and they would reimburse the county when they received the grants. Discussion: Commissioner Wayne Davis asked County Attorney, Michael Moses, would the county be relieved of liability by not being the fiscal agent and only signing the MOU. Mr. Moses stated there were no guarantees for anything in life and this was probably the best thing. Commissioner Gonice Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of four to one. Chairman Rabun, Commissioners New, Johnny Davis, and Gonice Davis voted yes. Commissioner Wayne Davis voted no.

Reappoint Bill Timms-Board of Assessors

Commissioner Johnny Davis made a motion to reappoint Bill Timms to the Tax Assessor Board. Mr. Timms' tenure will commence October 1, 2012 and conclude September 30, 2015. Commissioner Wayne Davis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Planning & Zoning Board Appointment

Commissioner Johnny Davis made a motion to table the Planning & Zoning Board Appointment allowing him an opportunity to locate an interested appointee. Commissioner Wayne Davis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Board of Elections Appointment

Commissioner Wayne Davis made a motion to appoint Dalton Dowdy to the Board of Elections. Mr. Dowdy's term will commence September 12, 2012 and conclude July 26, 2013. Commissioner Johnny Davis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Scheduled Public Comments

Mrs. Dorothy Strowbridge made a request to address the board but was not in attendance.

Adjournment

Commissioner New made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Johnny Davis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.